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Secretary Norman Y. Mineta U. S. Department of Transportation 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20590

Dear Honorable Secretary Mineta:

EAA wishes to reinforce our commitment to the Sport Pilot and Light Sport Aircraft regulatory project and request your personal intervention in having the Notice of Proposed Rule Making published as soon as possible. Your public commitment and acknowledgement of the positive impact of these new regulations is greatly appreciated. We agree that results will include increased safety and improved economy of recreational aviation, as well as growth for all aviation.

Over the last 8 years, a tremendous volume of work - by both the government and the private sector - has gone into moving this complex regulatory package to its current status. We request that you keep the same level of emphasis on completing the final steps to publication by facilitating every opportunity for expeditious handling by the Office of Management and Budget. It is important that this package return from OMB without change.

If there is any additional information or assistance that EAA can provide in moving this effort forward, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing the published NPRM in the very near future.

With best regards,

Tom Poberezny

President